

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, could you please tell me how much time remains on each side.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman has 4½ minutes remaining. The gentleman has 10½ minutes remaining.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. I thank the Speaker.

At this time, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY).

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this bill.

For more than 40 years, BILL YOUNG served his district and this institution with integrity and honor after having served our country in the Army National Guard for nearly a decade.

As chairman of the Appropriations Committee, his leadership and advocacy for our men and women in uniform and our veterans was unsurpassed. In a time when political culture too often devolves into hostility, and “compromise” is a dirty word, BILL YOUNG was always a gentleman who consistently reached across the aisle.

He would share with me his visits with his dear wife, Beverly, to wounded warriors to bring them comfort. How happy those visits made him.

It was such a pleasure to serve with him, and he will be truly missed. Renaming this VA facility in his memory is a tribute to his legacy.

You will be missed, my dear friend. Rest in peace, God bless you, and God bless America.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time and am prepared to close.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, first of all, let me thank Chairman MILLER for organizing this tribute to Chairman YOUNG.

In closing, I often say when you are born, you get a birth certificate; and when you die, you are going to get a death certificate; and that little dash in between is what you have done to make this a better place.

I don't know anyone who has done more than Chairman BILL YOUNG. It has just been my honor having had the opportunity to serve with him. His leadership for the Florida delegation—I mean, we have gone through some tough times. But I can tell you, he has always been a gentleman.

When I first began, I said that one of my favorite sayings is to let the work I have done speak for me. Clearly he has done his work, and as Paul said, he has fought a good fight, and he has kept the faith. He has done his job. It has been left up to us to continue his great work.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, tonight I want to thank all the Members on both sides of the aisle for their kind words they have said of our friend from Florida, BILL YOUNG. I sincerely hope that the words give Beverly, Rob, Billy, and Patrick some measure of consolation.

While we will no longer have BILL's personal and wise counsel to go to,

that beautiful veterans medical center will bear his name. It will give witness—witness to his many years of service to America and her defenders.

I want to thank my good friend from Florida (Ms. BROWN) for her help in bringing this bill to the floor and the over 375 cosponsors that we have brought on this piece of legislation.

I respectfully ask all Members to join us in supporting this piece of legislation, H.R. 3302, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I heard from my friend, former Congressman Norm Dicks, today, and he asked me to submit this statement on his behalf. He had the privilege of serving with Chairman BILL YOUNG for over thirty years on the Defense Appropriation Subcommittee, and said this about him:

Chairman Young did more for the men and women in the armed forces than anyone in Congress. Bill and Beverly made weekly trips to Bethesda and Walter Reed to see our wounded warriors and offered personal help to their families. Bill Young believed in bipartisanship; the Defense Subcommittee almost always reported the Defense Appropriation bill with all Members, Democrats and Republicans, in full support. Bill was a great American, a great leader, and a great friend and he will be truly missed.

Mr. YOHIO. Mr. Speaker I rise today in honor of CHARLES WILLIAM YOUNG, better known to his colleagues and constituents as BILL. I am deeply saddened Congressman YOUNG, a man who put all others before himself, has passed—he will be sorely missed.

Although I only had the pleasure of working with BILL for a short time, I benefitted greatly from his leadership and the strong example of service to the United States and Florida that he set. Congressman YOUNG leaves behind a long history of dedicated service to his constituents and the veterans of America.

BILL saw the nation through, some of her most tumultuous times, and throughout all of it—he worked tirelessly to make sure our nation's veterans were taken care of. He was a constant fixture at VA medical centers in Florida and in the Washington, D.C. area always making sure the veterans were receiving the best possible care.

I proudly join my colleagues in renaming the Bay Pines VA Medical Center the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center as a small token of the nation's gratitude for his dedicated service.

I urge my colleagues to pass this small gesture of our gratitude without objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3302.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMERICA'S BUDGETARY ISSUES

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, plain and simple, the

shutdown stalemate was unacceptable. The impasse should have been resolved weeks before October 1 when the House began passing funding bills through regular order. I argued that the strategy of defunding the health care law would not succeed, considering most of its programs are funded through mandatory spending. I did, however, believe that forcing the debate was necessary in order for Congress to actually start dealing with the challenges we face.

The President's health care law is, without a doubt, one of those challenges, Mr. Speaker. The law was sold as a way to lower insurance costs and expand access. But in reality, it is reducing access, breaking the budget, and harming consumers.

We forced the Senate to join us in addressing our larger budgetary issues—including debt and deficits—which undoubtedly will lead us back to a discussion of this flawed health care law.

This debate would never have taken place if Senate Leader REID had his way. Considering the ongoing failures with the ObamaCare exchange, it is certainly a debate we will now be able to have. The American people deserve as much.

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FINDING MIDDLE GROUND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this presentation. We had one of those very important moments to recognize the long service of one of our colleagues.

As we listen to those eulogies, I think all of us should be reminded of the awesome responsibilities that we share here in the House of Representatives. BILL YOUNG, obviously, felt those responsibilities deeply. He carried them out for an extraordinary length of time—43 years. We are thankful for his service, for his memory, and also for what he has taught us about perseverance and steadfastness and also, as you can tell from the various eulogies, about working across the aisle.

Working across the aisle and finding the middle ground is what I want to spend some time on tonight.

Like my 434 colleagues, when we finished voting last Thursday, we all left this Chamber, I think, in a rather somber mood, realizing that 16 days had passed and our government was shut down and there was the likelihood of damage to America and Americans.

When we got home, I suspect all of us—and I know this certainly was my case—were confronted by our constituents. They were not happy. In fact, they were angry. They were angry that their government—the government of the strongest, most powerful Nation in the world—wasn't operating because